ernment shall be barred by reason of such provisions if (a) the law of the place where such act or omission occurred provides, or has been construed to provide, only for damages punitive in nature, and (b) suit on such claim is instituted pursuant to part 3 of the Federal Tort Claims Act not later than August 2, 1948.

Approved August 1, 1947.

60 Stat. 843. 28 U. S. C. §§ 931-934. Ante, p. 722.

[CHAPTER 447]

AN ACT

To amend section 14 of the Veterans' Preference Act of June 27, 1944 (58 Stat 387).

August 4, 1947 [S. 1494] [Public Law 325]

5 U.S.C. § 863.

Right of preference eligible to make personal appearance, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first proviso of section 14 of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 387) is hereby amended to read as follows: "Provided, That such preference eligible shall have the right to make a personal appearance, or an appearance through a designated representative, in accordance with such reasonable rules and regulations as may be issued by the Civil Service Commission; after investigation and consideration of the evidence submitted, the Civil Service Commission shall submit its findings and recommendations to the proper administrative officer and shall send copies of the same to the appellant or to his designated representative, and it shall be mandatory for such administrative officer to take such corrective action as the Commission finally recommends".

Approved August 4, 1947.

[CHAPTER 448]

AN ACT

Relating to the sale of Paxon Field, Duval County, Florida.

August 4, 1947 [S. 1582] [Public Law 326]

58 Stat. 765. 50 U. S. C. app. §§ 1611-1646. Ante, p. 678.

Description.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwith-standing the provisions of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 or of any other law, the Federal Works Administrator is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to sell all that tract or parcel of land described as part of the northwest quarter and the north half southwest quarter section 8, township 2 south, range 26 east, Duval County, Florida,

described as follows: Beginning at an iron stake six hundred and seventy-two feet east of the northwest corner of section 8 and on the north line of said section; thence east one thousand three hundred and twenty-four and seven-tenths feet to an iron; thence south no degrees fifty minutes east three hundred and thirty feet to an iron; thence east six hundred and thirty feet to an iron, set in concrete on the west side of Melson Avenue; thence south no degrees fifty minutes east along west side of said avenue one thousand nine hundred and eight-five and two-tenths feet to an iron; thence west six hundred and thirty feet to an iron; thence south no degrees fifty minutes east three hundred feet to an iron on the north line of Louisa Street; thence west one thousand three hundred and sixty-one and one-tenth feet to an iron; thence north two thousand six hundred and sixteen and two-tenths feet to place of beginning, containing one hundred and nine and thirty-eight one-hundredths acres, more or less; also

Beginning at an iron, six hundred and seventy-two feet east and two thousand six hundred and seventy-six and two-tenths feet south of